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Re: Enforcement Discretion - Georgia's Low Sulfur/Low RVP Fuel Program

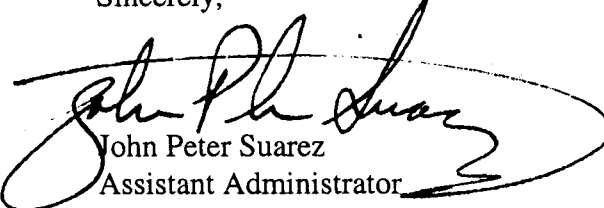
Dear Mr. Methier:

I am writing in response to the March 3, 2003 letter in which the Georgia Department of Natural Resources requests that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) exercise its "enforcement discretion regarding the February 2003 Georgia Gasoline Marketing Program rule revisions." EPA has done an initial investigation, and we have confirmed that there is likely to be a shortfall of gasoline in the immediate future in the Atlanta area market if we do not provide enforcement discretion. EPA will continue to collect information and make a determination in the near future whether a further grant of enforcement discretion is necessary.

Accordingly, EPA will exercise enforcement discretion to allow regulated parties to produce, import, distribute and sell gasoline with a sulfur content that does not exceed a quarterly average of 90 ppm and a per-gallon cap of 200 ppm. This exercise of enforcement discretion is effective immediately and will continue until midnight on April 30, 2003. This enforcement discretion does not relieve any person from any other requirements set forth in the July 18, 2001 version of Georgia's low sulfur/low-RVP fuel program which is a part of Georgia's SIP.

If you have questions, please call Mr. Adam M. Kushner, Associate Director of the Air Enforcement Division, at (202) 564-7979.

Sincerely,


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